

Words borrowed from English used in Inuktitut

Sukaq=Sugar	Tavvaaki=Tobacco	Tuummaattijuq= Too much (Tobacco)
Tii=Tea	Paippaaq=Paper	Palaiguuq=Ply wood
Siggaliaq=Cigarette	Palaugaag=Flour	Jaannuari=January
Papa=Pepper	Vaka=Bucket	Gaasi=Gasoline
Viiuvuari=February	Tiivii=Television	Sikituuq=Ski-doo
Aatami=Adam	Taiviti=David	Waasing Masiin=Washing Machine
Jaikak=Jacket	Aapu=Apple	Waassi=Watch or clock
Haaki=Hockey	Kanuu=Canoe	Aasiisikkuvik-Ashtray
Kampani=HBC	Paliisi=Police	Kamisina=Commissioner
Luuktaa=Doctor	Kapitai=Captain	Sakirmiaq=Second Mate
Sipiakta=Inspector	Kaparu=Corporal	Saajja=Sergeant
Pilipuusi=Phillip	Sipaakpa=Spark plug	

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Igloo. (iglu) A dome shaped house made of snow or ice. Believed to be the best architecture suitable for the North. Originated by Inuit.

Kayak. (Qayaq) One man boat, with opening on top for seating. Frame is usually made out of light wood with plastic, fiberglass, or canvas as outer layer. Outer layer is traditionally made from seal skin or caribou skin. A more modern type may have more than one opening for more passengers to sit on. Used all over the world, as sport, recreation, and for hunting, qayaq originated from the Inuit.

Komatik. (Qamutiik) Wooden sled with cross boards, cross boards tied to the sled by rope. Used for hauling equipment on land, snow or ice etc. Plastic runners are used for smoother traveling. There are variety of sizes depending on the need of the sled. The sled is lead/dragged by a snowmobile, or by dogs.

Anorak= From the word “Annuraaq” (Clothing). Waterproof hooded jacket. Originated; Greenland.

Umiak. (Umiaq) A flat bottom, wooden frame seal skin boat, traditionally used by women. Made out of canvas or fiberglass today.

Agloo. (Aglu) A seal\sea mammal breathing hole in the ice. A single seal may have multiple breathing holes.

Nanook. (Nanuq) Polar bear. Arctic animal. Black skin with white fur. Believed to be one of the strongest of the bear family.

Ulu. (Ulu) Inuit women’s knife, semicircular shaped usually made out of soapstone or bone with a wooden\bone handle. Modern ulu is made out of steel. Ulus are different in size, usage, and styles depending where they were made\and for what reason.

Nunavut. “Our land”. Canadian North. Territory with 2 million square kilometers, or one fifth of Canada. Nunavut became a territory in 1999.

Angakok. (Angakkuq) A shaman\healer in the Inuit world. Medicine man\woman. Some shamans would be cruel and controlling, some would help the needy.

Inuksuk. (Inuksugaq). A man-made land mark made of piled rocks. Standing figures resembling a human being are common. Inuksugait had multiple uses, depending on the size and the purpose ...some were markers, some identified land, places to avoid, excellent hunting areas, fishing spots, caches, decoys, path and directions. Now a days, Inuksugait are used mostly as tourist attraction.

Amautik. (Amauti) A women’s parka with a hood in the back to carry a child. Traditionally made of caribou, fox, or seal skin. Modern amauti is made from store bought fabrics. Originated by Inuit.

Inuktitut. The language of the Inuit. Each community has its unique dialect. Inuktitut is spoken in the Eastern Arctic, Labrador, Greenland and Russia with variations due to geographic and dialectal differences.

Kamik. (Kamiik) Inuit traditional boots usually made out of seal skin\caribou skin. More modern fabrics are substituted. Traditional boots are water proof and can be made in different styles. Some have fur, some without, and some with outer layer scraped, black or white in color.

Inuit. “The people”. Aboriginal people of Canada’s Arctic, and Greenland.

Inuk. “person”. Singular for Inuit. Aboriginal person of Canada’s Arctic.

Iqaluit. “Arctic char-Plural”. Formally known as “Frobisher Bay”. Any lake/place, abundant with fish.

Qulliq. or kudlik. Inuit traditional soapstone lamp. Qulliq is lit by oil, and a wick. Traditionally, seal oil was used as fuel. Its primary use is for heating and cooking. Modern qulliq is usually made of steel, copper, or soapstone and is usually heated by store bought oil. People use a qulliq to keep their tent\shack warm in the spring and summer. Now a days, qulliqs are used for ceremonial celebration for special occasions, such as a high school graduation.

Taima. The end. That’s it. No more.

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